Power shortage in Delhi

3439. MS SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi may have to face serious problem of load shedding this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to overcome the problem of load shedding?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) According to Govt, of NCT of Delhi it is anticipated that Delhi may not face any serious problem of load shedding this year. This would, however, primarily depend on the ambient temperature and intensity of monsoon as well as unforeseen circumstances like forced outages of generating units and grid constraints.

(c) Electricity being a concurrent subject, the supply and distribution of electricity in a state is in purview of the concerned State Government/ State Power Utilities. Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State Government. Periodical assessment of demand and supply in Delhi is being made by Delhi Government and Ministry of Power. To bridge the gap between anticipated demand and supply in the state, share from unallocated pool of Central Sector Generating Stations in Northern Region is reviewed from time to time on the basis of relative shortages of beneficiary States/UTs. Arrangements have been made by Power Utilities of Delhi to arrange power from other States through bilateral agreements/power trading; companies. Besides this, un-requisitioned surplus capacity of other States in Gas based power plants on liquid fuel is also envisaged to be requisitioned by Delhi.

Thermal Power Project at Mauda

†3440. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation has sanctioned the setting up of a mega power generation project at Mauda in Vidarbha region in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, by when the work will commence on this project;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.